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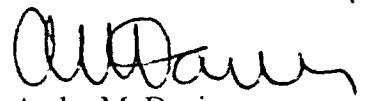
I acknowledge Ms. Stein's letter dated October 8, 2002, regarding Local Rule 105.1, and I thank her for the same.

My view is that **no defendant** should file any preliminary motions in these cases until after motions for remand have been adjudicated. Indeed, **I hereby extend the time for any defendant to move, answer or otherwise respond to any of the complaints in these cases until after the court has ruled on motions for remand or until the time for filing such motions has expired, whichever is the latest.**

I trust that this responds adequately to defendants' concerns.

Despite the informal nature of this memorandum, it is an Order of Court and the clerk shall docket it as such.

Very truly yours,


 Andre M. Davis
 United States District Judge

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